



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is a leader in supporting safety programs at highway/railroad grade crossings; and
- WHEREAS: In 2013, the Federal Railroad Administration identified 51 highway-rail grade crossing collisions, resulting in five fatalities and over 20 injuries in the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Federal Railroad Administration also documented ten pedestrian/trespasser incidents occurring during 2013, which resulted in five fatalities and five injured in the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Such crossing crashes are 20 times more likely to result in death and/or serious injury than highway collisions, and many of these crashes could have been prevented by increased public awareness of grade crossing dangers and appropriate driving safety laws; and
- WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver, Inc. is the foremost public information and education program dedicated to eliminating highway/railroad grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/trespasser incidents; and
- WHEREAS: On June 3, 2014, and throughout the year following, all citizens are encouraged to observe added caution when approaching highway/railroad grade crossings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2014, as:

SAFE RAIL CROSSING AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28th day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE